

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

DIVERTICULAR DISEASE OF THE COLON  
(Balance of Probabilities)

(No. 36 of 2020)

The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 24 April 2020

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| The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument at the direction of: |
| RMA Chairperson signature  Professor Nicholas Saunders AO  Chairperson |

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1. Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *diverticular disease of the colon* *(Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 36 of 2020).

1. Commencement

This instrument commences on 25 May 2020.

1. Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

1. Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *diverticular disease of the colon (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 16 of 2016) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2016L00266) is amended in the following manner:

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| **Section** | **Amendment** |
| *9(6a)* | *Insert the following factor in subsection 9(6a)*:  for diverticular perforation, abscess and fistula only, being treated with an immunosuppressive drug within the 30 days before the clinical onset of diverticular disease of the colon;  Note: ***immunosuppressive drug*** is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary. |
| *9(14)* | *Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(14) with the following*:  being treated with an immunosuppressive drug within the 30 days before the clinical worsening of diverticular disease of the colon;  Note: ***immunosuppressive drug*** is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary. |
| *Schedule 1 – Dictionary* | *Insert the following definition of "*i*mmunosuppressive drug" in alphabetical order*:  ***immunosuppressive drug*** means a drug or an agent which results in substantial suppression of immune responses.  Note: Examples of an immunosuppressive drug include:   1. chemotherapeutic agents used for the treatment of cancer; 2. corticosteroids, other than inhaled or topical corticosteroids; 3. drugs used to prevent transplant rejection; 4. tumour necrosis factor-α inhibitors; and 5. interleukin-6 inhibitors. |
| *Schedule 1 – Dictionary* | *Delete the definition of "being treated with an immunosuppressive drug"*. |